



# MONARCH POINT CONSERVATION RESERVE

## Management Planning: Background Information

2022 Public Survey Results and Regulation Amendment Proposal Comments

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## Engagement

To provide Ontarians with an opportunity to share initial thoughts on creating a conservation reserve along the south shore in Prince Edward County and gather information to inform future planning, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) conducted a survey from January 26, 2022 – March 12, 2022. **MECP received 549 responses.**

We asked survey takers:

- If they support or oppose the area being regulated as a conservation reserve and why
- What their preferred name of the conservation reserve would be
- If they agree with the proposed boundary, and what should change
- If they had visited the proposed area, and what time of year they usually visit
- What they do when visiting

Alongside the survey, MECP proposed a regulation amendment under the *Provincial Parks and Conservations Reserves Act, 2006* (PPCRA) to create a conservation reserve along the south shore of Prince Edward County. The proposal was posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) ([Notice # 019-4597](#)) for a 45-day comment period. MECP received a total of **ninety-nine (99) unique responses.**

## What We Heard

Analysis of closed ended questions from the survey:

- 76% of respondents supported the area being regulated as a conservation reserve
- 63% of respondents supported the proposed boundary
- 89% of respondents said they had visited the site, with 83% indicating they had visited the site within the last two years
- 66% of the respondents were year-round residents in the area, with the remainder being largely visitors to the area or seasonal residents
- 69% of the respondents were members of the local community
  - 36% were members of the general public
  - 10% were stakeholders (e.g., environmental non-government organization)
  - 9% were adjacent landowners
  - 2% were Indigenous community members
  - 1% preferred not to answer

## Regulation Amendment Proposal Comments Related to Management Planning

General comments related to park management planning:

- Excitement for the project and desire for the protection of the natural heritage values found in the area
- Concern that local residents will be prevented from enjoying the space
- Desire for Indigenous traditional use and treaty rights in the area to be respected and that Indigenous communities be consulted
- Concern for impacts on natural heritage values from uses such as all-terrain vehicle use and hunting
- Concern for potential conflicts between various recreational uses
- Interest in retaining current land uses such as all-terrain vehicle use and hunting

# Survey Question Responses Related to Management Planning

